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In Sept 98 I informed your office that I was waiting on the depleted uranium pellets from the DoE, Oak Ridge Tennessee, to complete the final phase of my project. This is the only source of these pellets, so we are completely tied to their schedules. Well, as it turns out, the pellets arrived in AFRRI in Sept of 99! I mentioned to Oak Ridge that I might need them to write a letter stating the fact that I worked on that issue for 18 months! It sounds too unbelievable, if I weren't involved I wouldn't have believed it either. They came after I left AFRRI. It was not possible to conduct any of the experiments we planned without these pellets. The status now is that many pellets have been manufactured and shipped to AFRRI and the remaining are coming into AFRRI in regular intervals. I will be working with the folks at AFRRI, perhaps going in there one day a week starting in the next month or so. I am currently training people on some techniques. AFRRI is willing to pick up costs of the remaining study, which is still considerable due to animal per diem costs with such a study. I was informed by the Jackson Foundation that about 20K remains in the account and the team leader at AFRRI has asked me to see if that money can still be used. As I said, they will absorb the remaining costs, but that 20K would help. We are all committed to completing this study, just many things have conspired to continually delay this. We are now able to complete the study. Please let me know how to proceed, if this remaining money can still be used, and if a letter from Oak Ridge is required.